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Open cop shop: Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake roads will be a busy place Sunday, June 4, date of the Farmington Hills Police Department's open house. /4A

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Portable picnic: With some planning and careful packing, families can load everything they need for lunch on their bikes. /1B

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Maternity magic: The latest clothes for moms-to-be can be worn before and after the blessed event. /4B

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Schools race gets a little kick



The two candidates for the Farmington Board of Education quizzed each other Wednesday during a lively forum sponsored by the Farmington Area Democratic Club.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Leave it to the Democratic donkey to kick a little life into the Farmington School Board race.

Farmington-area Dems sponsored a lively forum for board hopefuls Linda Enberg and Jennifer Levin Wednesday at the Botsford Inn. They're vy-

ing for one open seat in the June 12 election.

Organizers put a different twist on the format: Candidates were allowed to quiz each other.

Questions also came from Vicki Barnett and Michael Shpiece, and the audience. Enberg and Levin weren't allowed to waffle. Shpiece re-

fired when he didn't get a satisfactory answer.

Unlike in a previous debate, two distinct candidates emerged: One who is experienced, knowledgeable and has ties to the district; the other who is ambitious, doesn't have children in schools, and believes she can bring a different perspective to the board.

Their questions of each other that followed went accordingly.

Levin didn't hedge. She immediately asked Enberg how she could be objective considering her involvement in school and district committees.

"I certainly don't feel linked and beholden to any groups that are in the school system," Enberg said.

Likewise, Enberg wanted to know why Levin hasn't availed herself of Mission 2007 strategic planning sessions.

Levin said she wasn't aware of them, adding it's indicative of the district's lack of communication with taxpayers who don't have children in the schools. Levin has lived in Farmington Hills for a year.

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Bringing home the horrors



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

And honoring the memory: Farmington Hills' Fred Newman, camera in hand, leans against an exhibit at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield. He recently took part in ceremonies marking the liberation of the Nazi death camps 50 years ago.

Death camps cannot be forgotten

BY BILL COULTANT
STAFF WRITER

On the April day Fred Newman visited what remains of the Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany, it rained on the crowd of

some 2,000 — mostly survivors of the Holocaust.

Newman, a Farmington Hills resident, had come to Germany on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camp that by its very mention

conjures up some of history's most gruesome images. As a Jew who lost some 40 relatives as a representative of the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield, and as an American, it was important to be

there to remember the awful truth, he said.

But Newman, 46, found few Germans who shared that willingness to

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Student scientists shine

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

At Harrison High, the Bunsen burner glows with success and beakers beam with pride.

Science students at the Farmington Hills school capped another year of national and state success in scholastic competitions. Most recent was a ninth-place finish in the national TEAMS competition, which stands for Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science.

In the state competition at General Motors Institute in Flint, Harrison

High was tops in the Class A division for the fourth consecutive year.

Meanwhile, on the same day, the school's Science Bowl squad was third in the regional Science Bowl in Dayton, Ohio. Each student picked up a \$100 U.S. savings bond and a watch.

Moreso, they clipped perennial nemesis Beaver Creek High in the double-elimination tournament after trailing 50 points at intermission.

"It was, like, really intense," senior Sukey Dave said. "You have to answer lightning fast. Your mind has to work

faster than normal speed."

Scientific know-how has become synonymous with Harrison High. Former students David King (1989), Morris Stutsis (1992), and Avi Drisman (1994) were All-Americans in Physics.

This year was a little different, though, according to physics teacher Dennis King. No superstar dominated.

Instead, Harrison relied on a well-rounded mixture of savvy seniors and

See TEAM, 2A



Dennis King

Now on the Hills ZBA

The Farmington Hills City Council has appointed Bradley List as a regular member of the City's Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Reginald Lineberger. Also, Rendal Bruce has been appointed as an alternate on the ZBA. Both terms will expire Feb. 1, 1998.

Invest in Youth

The 12th annual Invest in Youth Run and Walk, sponsored by Sinai Hospital, will begin at 8:45 p.m. Friday, June 2, in the Farmington Area YMCA parking lot on Farmington Road just north of 12 Mile Road. The course for the five-mile run and the two-mile walk will be the streets of the nearby Kendallwood subdivision.

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The event will include a dinner catered by Little Caesars and Coca-Cola. Sinai Hospital will provide the water stations, and the Motor City Striders will handle the official finish.

The entry fee — \$18 per individual or \$32 for a family — may be paid at the Farmington Area Y, 28100 Farmington Road. Proceeds will be used to provide YMCA youth programs to deserving youngsters.

Kathy Stuebel said she hopes this year's race draws 200. For more information, call 563-1933.

Memory Lane

From the June 2, 1955 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

From an editorial: "Growing pains can be very unpleasant, especially when the growth is as vast and as rapid as is now being experienced in Farmington Township."

Harold Scheen of Livonia was fined \$5 in Farmington Municipal Court for driving with defective brakes on U.S. 16.

Short Item: "Most gals get far more out of their bathing suits than they put into them. Thus they could be classified as a good investment."

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